



# ALPINE

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## CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

### A Message from the Mayor

Hello fellow Alpine residents. For this month's *Newsline*, I wanted to shed light on an increasingly common issue. Some residents in Alpine are experiencing damage caused by raccoons. They are nesting in attics, causing damage to rain gutters and soffit, digging holes in lawns, leaving behind scat and killing chickens and pets. Raccoons are finding habitat spaces in storm drains, unprotected chimneys, attics, garden sheds, under porches, decks and foundations. Urban raccoons are drawn to food sources such as bird feeders, ponds, trash bins and pet food.



Mayor Carla Merrill

#### **What residents can do:**

- Seal openings to homes, attics, crawl spaces, garages and sheds.
- Remove fallen fruit, clean BBQ grills, and minimize clutter like wood piles that can serve as potential dens.
- Trim trees away from the roofline as raccoons climb trees to access roofs.
- Bring in or protect dog, cat, or other food and water sources at night.
- Bird feeders should be removed or made raccoon-proof by hanging them on baffled poles.
- Secure garbage cans.
- Do not interact with raccoons; they have been known to carry diseases and inflict harm.
- Apply cinnamon, curry, or red pepper to places you want them to leave alone. They are sensitive to smells, although they may get used to it.

**Trap purchase options:** Local retailers sell raccoon cages and hand traps but do not accept full traps. Traps should be large enough to catch and safely contain a raccoon. Typically a 10" x 12" x 32" trap is large enough.

- **Cal Ranch:** 175 N West State Rd., American Fork | 801-763-7777 | Sells cages and hand traps
- **IFA:** 562 N 900 W, American Fork | 801-756-9604 | Sells cages
- Online retailers

**Alternative:** Residents may hire a local pest control company that provides animal removal services.

**Local disposal option:** North County Animal Shelter

- Accepts raccoons in cages.
- Provides disposal and cage cleaning services.
- Residents must deliver the caged animal themselves.
- Location: 193 N 2000 W, Lindon, UT 84042
- Phone: 801-785-3442



Please note, Utah State Law states that, "relocating a live-trapped raccoon is illegal; they must be euthanized or handled by a professional." I know many of us find these little guys cute, but know they are wild animals and are prone to aggression. Therefore, I wanted to inform the community of some options and am grateful to Laurie Bitter and Shellie Slade for providing details.



### November Calendar Events

11 – Veterans Day  
 11 – City Council Meeting  
 13 – A.L.L. Class at the Workshop  
 13 – World Kindness Day

18 – Bookmobile  
 18 – Planning Commission Meeting  
 27 – Thanksgiving Day, City Hall Closed  
 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday, City Hall Closed

# Community Events:



Join us at The Workshop for FREE classes!

Open to everyone...

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:30am–noon, 180 East 200 North

The ASSOCIATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (A.L.L.) presents:

**Nov 13th Gratitude: The Powerful Antidote to Entitlement**  
By Alice Osborne

Experts believe we're becoming an entitled society, and site GRATITUDE as the powerful antidote to this entitlement. Come learn this compelling research on the 9 ways to help children feel grateful, not entitled!

## Bookmobile Schedule & Info:



Dates: Nov 4, 18; Dec 2, 16, 30; Jan 13, 27

10:30-11:30 River Meadows Senior Living (137 Red Pine)  
12:00-2:30 Creekside Park (455 Village Way)  
3:00-5:30 Alpine LDS "Red" Church (165 N 100 E)

## Santa is Coming to Alpine

When: Monday, December 1st

Where: City Hall

Time: 6:00pm–7:30pm

Join us as we welcome Santa to Alpine and turn on the city Christmas lights!

Hosted by the Alpine Youth Council, Santa will arrive in style and chat with all the children. Come visit with neighbors, enjoy a treat and have some fun.



Also, Santa's mailbox will be outside City Hall from Thanksgiving until December 11th. Drop your letter off by the 11th so that it will arrive by Christmas. Be sure to include your address so he can write you back!



**City Hall will be closed  
November 27th & 28th  
for Thanksgiving**



# NOVEMBER

## Library Closures

Nov 11 - Veterans Day  
Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Day

## Library Programs

**No Programs**  
Nov 3-7 - Elections  
Nov 24-28 - Thanksgiving

**Baby Storytime**  
Every Mon, 11am-11:45am  
Ages 0-2\*

Read, sing, and play with your baby at Miss Sonia's Baby Storytime.

**Storytime+**  
Every Tue, Wed, & Thu, 11am-11:45am  
Ages 3-5\*  
Read, sing, learn, and craft with Miss Mel. HCL card required for craft.

**Young Writers**  
Every Thu, 4pm-4:45pm  
Ages 9-18

Learn creative writing skills and meet other young writers.

## A Day at Highland School of Magic

Sat, Nov 8  
Session 1 - 11am-12pm  
Session 2 - 1pm-2pm  
Ages 6 to Adult

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult Step into a world of fantasy and hone your magical abilities at our school for extraordinary persons of all sorts. Highland City Library card required. Registration required.

**Craft & Chat**  
Wed, Nov 19, 6pm-7pm  
Teens and Adults

Make bookish winter tree decorations. First come first serve.

**Hora de Cuentos**  
Fri, Nov 21, 11am-11:45am

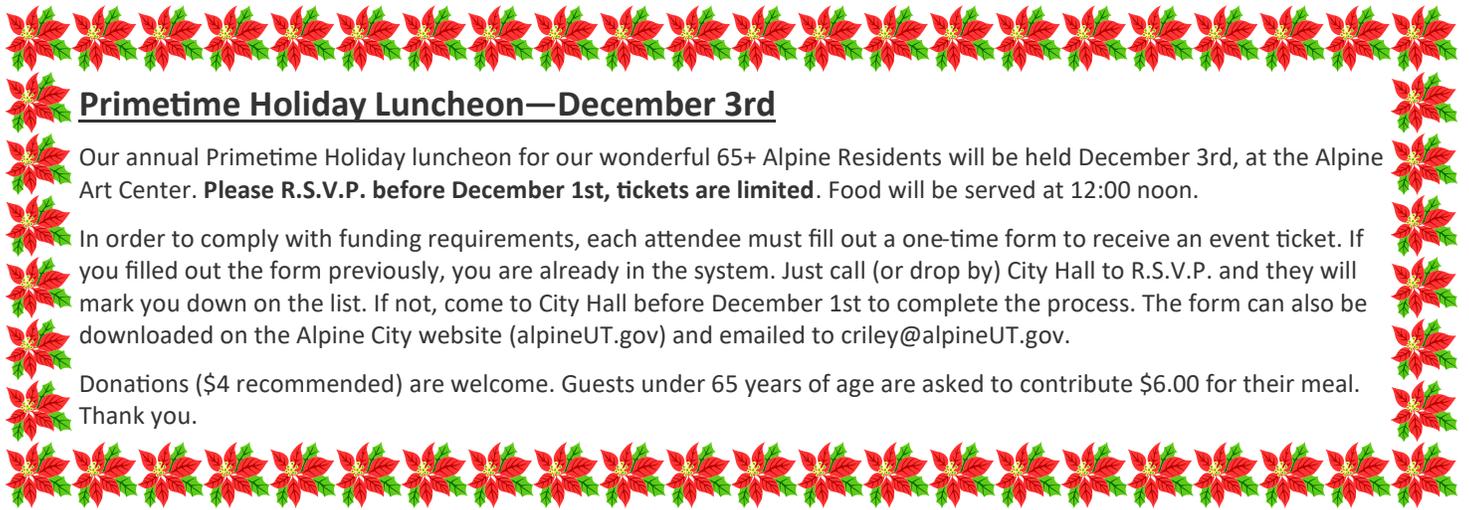
¡Lee, canta y cree una manualidad en Hora de Cuentos con la Señorita Sonia! Read, sing, and craft at Spanish Storytime with Miss Sonia! This story time is open to Spanish speakers of ALL levels.

**An Afternoon with Austen**  
Sat, Nov 22, 1pm-2pm  
Teens and Adults

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and all things Regency romance with local author Judith Hale Everett.

+Highland City Library card required  
\*Children under 9 must be accompanied  
Register at [highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com](http://highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com)

HIGHLAND CITY  
LIBRARY



### Primetime Holiday Luncheon—December 3rd

Our annual Primetime Holiday luncheon for our wonderful 65+ Alpine Residents will be held December 3rd, at the Alpine Art Center. **Please R.S.V.P. before December 1st, tickets are limited.** Food will be served at 12:00 noon.

In order to comply with funding requirements, each attendee must fill out a one-time form to receive an event ticket. If you filled out the form previously, you are already in the system. Just call (or drop by) City Hall to R.S.V.P. and they will mark you down on the list. If not, come to City Hall before December 1st to complete the process. The form can also be downloaded on the Alpine City website ([alpineUT.gov](http://alpineUT.gov)) and emailed to [criley@alpineUT.gov](mailto:criley@alpineUT.gov).

Donations (\$4 recommended) are welcome. Guests under 65 years of age are asked to contribute \$6.00 for their meal. Thank you.

### Joyful Christmas Sounds Rehearsals

Come be a part of Alpine’s 40+ year tradition of a community choir concert at Christmas time to be performed on Sunday, December 14th. Weekly rehearsals, under the direction of Marvin Payne, are Sunday evenings from 9-10pm beginning October 12th at the church by the roundabout (98 E Canyon Crest Rd, Alpine). Previous choir participants and new members (age 16+) are encouraged to join. Questions may be directed to [kathrynjames@comcast.net](mailto:kathrynjames@comcast.net) or 248-860-2401.



### Alpine Living Nativity

*Experience the beauty of the Christmas story*

This year’s event will be held **December 1, 2, 4, and 5 from 5:00–8:00 p.m** and **Saturday 12:00–2:00pm & 5:00–8:00pm.** Tickets (\$5) on sale now at <https://alpinelivingnativity.org>

All ticket proceeds go to humanitarian projects:

- Homes of Hope (Guatemala)
- Homes of Hope (Liberian Orphanage)
- Local Charities

Thank you for your support!



### Luminaires—Light Up the Night

Our town is getting ready to shine for the **34th anniversary** of a cherished community tradition, and everyone is invited to take part! The **Luminaire Committee** and the **Lone Peak Color Guard** are once again offering luminaire kits as a fundraiser, giving families and neighbors the opportunity to light up their homes and streets in a radiant display of unity and goodwill.

This long-standing tradition is a simple yet meaningful way to come together, support our local students, and carry forward the spirit that has made our community so special for more than three decades.

Each **luminaire kit** includes:

- 20 long-burning candles (8–10 hours)
- 20 white, weather-resistant sacks
- Enough sand to anchor each sack

When placed and lit on **Christmas Eve**, these luminaires create a breathtaking glow — a symbol **of love, peace, and hope** — sentiments especially meaningful in today’s world.

**Cost:** \$25 per kit—All proceeds directly benefit members of the **Lone Peak Color Guard**.

Pre-sales are now underway! Residents are encouraged to place orders early to ensure availability.

You can pre-order by:

**Mail:** *Luminaires*, 88 North 200 East, Alpine, UT 84004     *\*Please include a check made out to Luminaires if mailing your order.*

**Online Reservation:** Visit [alpinelights.org](http://alpinelights.org) to order your kits online. Navigate to the store and select the number of kits you would like. New this year, we are now able to accept PayPal to enable you to both order and pre-pay for your kits before our sales dates.

Please feel free to contact **Joni Wootton** at **801-787-7110** for more information or to learn how you can help keep this heartwarming tradition shining bright.

**Pre-order deadline: December 15**

**Kit pick-up location:** Alpine City Hall

**Pick-up times:**

- December 19 · 4–6 p.m.
- December 20 · 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- December 22 · 4–6 p.m.
- December 23 · 4–6 p.m.

## Cemetery Corner

### *How Not to Need your Plot – Tip # 14*

Dr. Ria Serrch at the Tumbleweed College of Interesting Studies reports that a youthful outlook can extend your life significantly. Children are a great example – they are happy, optimistic, and actually believe that Spiderman might come to their birthday party. Because you have experienced a great many birthdays (with nary a superhero guest), it may be slightly more difficult to get into that headspace, but you can do it!

Instead of moaning, “I am old and tired and even my eyebrows hurt,” try “I am young, I am smart, I am powerful!” This is best done while moving to some upbeat music, like the theme from *Rocky*. (You do not need to wear boxing attire, but using a northern Philly accent will add an air of legitimacy.)

Hint: If you have teenagers in the house, it’s best to do your affirmation before they arise in the morning. Should they observe you, there is high probability of a video going viral on YouTube in the next 15 minutes.

For cemetery questions, plot purchases, or a boxing footwork guide, contact DeAnn at [dparry@alpineut.gov](mailto:dparry@alpineut.gov) or call 801-756-6347 x 3.

## Winter Parking & Snow Removal

From **December 1 through March 31** vehicles are not allowed to park on the street from midnight to 8:00 a.m. or anytime snow is present. Refer to *Alpine City Municipal Code 11-346* for details.

Although snow hasn’t arrived yet, it will be here soon! We know it is tempting, but please do not push snow from your property onto the street. This snow freezes and damages plows when they run into it. Alpine City code states “It is unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited any snow upon any city street on the travel portion. It is also unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited any snow in such a manner as to obstruct a public sidewalk.” **Please keep your sidewalks and driveways clear, but do not push the snow into the streets.**



Snow removal is prioritized by transit and public safety. **Arterial and collector streets** are cleared first, followed by **main residential streets**, then **local residential streets**, with **cul-de-sacs plowed last**. Remember, if cars are parked on the street, the plows may not be able to access your road safely.

## Is Your Contact Information Current?

Do you still have a landline? If not, please make sure we have your **current cell phone number**. Have you lived in Alpine for more than ten years? Take a moment to confirm that your **email address** has been added to your utility account.

In the event of an emergency, it’s important that we can reach you quickly. Many residents have not updated their contact information since moving in. Please call the City Office at **801-756-6347** to confirm we have your **latest phone number and email on file**.

## Wreaths Across America—Dec 13th, 10:00am

Join us in honoring our Veterans at Alpine City Cemetery, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, with a wreath-laying ceremony emulating those at the Washington D.C. Arlington Cemetery. Color Guard Scouts Troop Unit 10G and the Alpine Youth Council will place seven wreaths—one for each branch of the military and the POW/MIAs. These wreaths come to us through volunteer groups of veterans, truckers, and the Pony Express Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Similar wreath laying ceremonies will occur at the same moment, as part of the National Wreaths Across America Day. Everyone is welcome to bring their own wreath to lay following the ceremony.

If you would like to sponsor a veteran wreath for placement on a specific grave in the Alpine Cemetery (or other participating cemeteries, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/168427/Overview/?relatedId=17231](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/168427/Overview/?relatedId=17231) before November 28, 2025 (\$17 each). With each veteran’s wreath placed by a volunteer, we ask that they “say their name” to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice is never forgotten.

Alpine Scout Troop Unit 10G will honor America’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday as they earn a special patch America 250. Other scout units are welcome to contact the city to participate. A photo circulated online featuring volunteer wreaths at the Arlington Cemetery brought together many volunteer organizations to lay wreaths in December at the same time on the same day. Through the sponsorship of the Pony Express Chapter of the DAR, Alpine has participated for several years in the national program whose mission is “To Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Served, and Teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom”.



## Alpine Youth Council (AYC)

The AYC stayed busy this month enjoying the start of fall. We visited the fire department and were excited to get a first look at the highly-anticipated fire truck.

Remember to mark your calendars...Santa is coming to Alpine, 6pm sharp on Monday Dec. 1st. Also, please join us on Saturday Dec. 13th at 10am for Wreaths across America program, where we will honor our servicemen and women.



## Business Licenses

### *Small Business Owners – Update Your Info Please!*

This is a busy time of year, with piles of leaves to rake, battles over who must take down the Halloween decorations, and the celebration of National Nacho Day. Another important event is the renewal of your business license in January. If there have been any **changes** to your contact information, please set down your nachos and call the business license lady right away.

If you have **closed** your business, you can send a simple email, such as: “Surprisingly, I am no longer running my broccoli-based skin products company. You may remove me from the renewal list.”

For questions, information, or *queso picante* recipes, contact DeAnn at [dparry@alpineut.gov](mailto:dparry@alpineut.gov) or call 801-756-6347 x 3.

## Water Service Line Check

Over the next few weeks, representatives from Sunrise Engineering, working in partnership with our community as part of the Utah Division of Drinking Water's Small Systems Assistance Program, will be going door-to-door to distribute door hangers to selected homes and businesses.

These door hangers will include a quick online survey to help us identify the type of material used in your water service line. This simple process helps ensure the safety of our water system and reduces the need for digging or excavation.

Your participation is appreciated and helps us keep our water system safe and up to date.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the project hotline at **801-838-8366**.



## East Canyon Crest Road Construction

### *Pressurized Irrigation Replacement Project*

A new pressurized irrigation water line will be installed along Canyon Crest Road between Ridge Drive and Healey Blvd, including connections at Ridge, Healey, Carlisle, Pheasant Ridge, and Sierra Ave. The on-going construction will occur **between Oct. 27– Nov 27**. During this period, Canyon Crest will be reduced to one lane. Traffic control will be in place to guide residents safely around the construction zone. Work will begin with connections at Healey Blvd and Ridge Drive, progressing toward the center of the project area. Each side road will be temporarily closed while its water line connection is completed. However, Carlisle will remain open to residents during its connection work. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as these important infrastructure improvements are made.

## Have You Heard?— *There's a new sculpture and gathering garden coming!*

Plans have been underway for over a year, initiated by Heritage Arts Foundation, with crucial guidance from the Alpine City Council, a formal committee of Alpine residents, EBW Design Landscaping, and Main Street Art in Alpine.

This Initiative Is:

- ✓ To create a space for gathering, reflection, and stories told through bronze, featuring art from Alpine's own Dennis Smith and others.
- ✓ Located in Alpine's Historic Square (between City Hall and the Fire Station).
- ✓ Locally inspired. Globally significant.
- ✓ Funded by private donations, not taxpayer dollars!

In the coming days, we hope you'll want to learn more and explore meaningful ways your family can get involved in a project *“Where Alpine's stories are cast in bronze, the rising generation remembers, and our families gather.”*



*It's more than a park—  
it's a world-class living legacy  
uniquely designed for Alpine.*

Ardice Lorscheider  
Alpine Resident & Committee Chair

## Good Landlord Program

Alpine City continues with our Good Landlord Program which provides financial incentives to landlords who actively implement the objectives of a landlord training course, keep their properties free of criminal activity, and maintain their properties free of code violations. While a landlord maintains a current certification and keeps their property free of code violations, **the city will waive the annual Accessory Apartment registration fee** (currently \$50 per year).

Program requirements: Landlords must complete an initial training course through an approved program that teaches them to avoid discrimination; comply with the Fair Housing Act; identify criminal activity; observe zoning laws; screen tenants through background and credit checks; and maximize the use of rental applications. Once the initial training is completed, a shorter refresher is required every two years to maintain certification.

For more information and links to qualified programs, see <https://www.alpineut.gov/GLP>

## Missed Garbage or Recycling Pickup

If your garbage or recycling collection is missed, please contact **ACE Waste Disposal** directly at **800-724-9995** (not City Hall) to report it. This number is also printed on your trash and recycling cans for convenience.

## Help Protect our Trails

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, please stay off wet and muddy trails. **Remember — if you leave a mark, it's time to turn back.**

Muddy hoof, shoe, or wheel tracks cause lasting damage and require significant time and money to repair. Please help protect our trails!

## Code Compliance Corner: Keeping Our Streets and Gutters Clean and Clear This Fall

*Don Quigley, Code Compliance Officer*

**Proper Leaf Disposal:** As you maintain your property this fall, please remember to **sweep up leaves and yard waste** and place them in your trash cans for proper disposal. **Do not blow or sweep leaves into the street or storm drains.** When leaves are blown into the street, they often end up in your neighbor's yard or gutters, creating extra work and potential drainage problems for others down the street. Leaves and debris that collect in gutters block the free flow of stormwater, clog sewer grates, and prevent water from entering the storm system as designed.

Per **Municipal Code 14.08.050 – Clean Streets**, all property owners, tenants, and residents are responsible for keeping the gutters and storm drains in front of their property clear and unobstructed.

Additionally, **Municipal Code 10.08.010 – Community Waste** defines "community waste" as lawn cuttings, clippings from bushes and shrubs, leaves, trees, and tree branches.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PLACE TRASH AND OTHER COMMUNITY WASTE ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.

Some may mistakenly believe placing yard debris on a vacant lot or public open space is environmentally friendly because it reduces landfill waste. However, this is an **illegal act**. Doing so constitutes the act of trespassing, creates fire hazards, attracts rodents, and detracts from the natural appearance of our open spaces.

### **Winter Parking Reminder – Municipal Code 11.06.040 F**

As we approach the winter season, please remember Alpine City's **Winter No Overnight Street Parking Ordinance**. From **December 1 through March 31**, it is **unlawful to park any motorized or non-motorized vehicle on a city street between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., or anytime snow is falling and accumulating on the street.**

Observing this ordinance allows our snow removal crews to safely and more efficiently plow the streets, helping to keep our community accessible and safe during winter weather.

**Thank You for Doing Your Part!** Your cooperation in keeping streets and drains clean and observing parking restrictions helps maintain the beauty, safety, and efficiency of our city. Thank you for taking pride in your property and in our community!

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